

## REMARKS

By the present amendment, applicant is amending the claims to add a new claim 7 directed to a sock having five toe holes and a non skid surface on the sole thereof..

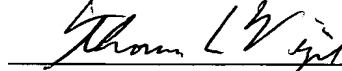
As so amended the claims are more complete and are believed to be clear of the art of record.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the original and new claims are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that end is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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